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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1-22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently Amended) A bubble generating assembly comprising:

a housing having a [front opening, with a wiping bar secured to a portion of the front opening] stationary element secured to the housing;

a trigger mechanism;

a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the [[front opening]] stationary element;

means for delivering bubble solution to the ring; and

a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved [from a first position to a second position across the wiping bar] against the stationary element.

24. (Original) The assembly of claim 23, further including:

a motor operatively coupled to the trigger mechanism;

an air generator coupled to the motor and directing air towards the ring; and

a gear system coupled to the motor and applying pressure to the tubing to cause bubble solution to be delivered from the container to the ring.

25. (Original) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the delivering means includes:

a container coupled to the housing and retaining bubble solution, the container having an interior; and

a tubing that couples the interior of the container with the ring.

26. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 25, wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism simultaneously causes (i) the air generator to direct air towards the ring, (ii) the gear system to deliver bubble solution from the container to the ring, and (iii) the ring to [move from the first position to the second position] move against the stationary element.

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27. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 23, wherein release of the trigger will cause the ring to move [from the second position to the first position across the wiping bar] away from the stationary element.

28. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 23, wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism simultaneously causes (i) the delivering means to deliver bubble solution to the ring, and (ii) the ring to [move from the first position to the second position] move against the stationary element.

29. (Original) The assembly of claim 25, wherein the delivering means further includes the trigger mechanism, at least one rotating pressure roller and a guide wall, the pressure roller having a base section and an upper section that has a smaller diameter than the base section, with the tubing positioned between the upper section of the pressure roller and the guide wall when the trigger mechanism is not actuated, and with the tubing positioned between the base section of the pressure roller and the guide wall when the trigger mechanism is actuated.

30. (Original) The assembly of claim 29, wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism pushes the pressure roller towards the guide wall such that the tubing is moved from the upper section to the base section of the pressure roller.

31. (Original) The assembly of claim 23, further including a bubble solution container which is removably coupled to the housing.

32. (Original) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the ring is positioned inside the housing.

33. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 24 wherein the housing has a front opening, with the ring positioned adjacent the front opening, and wherein the air generator includes a fan, and a wind tunnel that extends from the fan to adjacent the front opening.

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34. (Original) The assembly of claim 31, further including a collection funnel positioned below the ring, with the container being removably coupled to the collection funnel so that droplets received on the collection funnel can flow into the container.

35. (Original) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the ring has an interior chamber and an opening communicating with the interior chamber and through which the tubing extends, and a plurality of outlets on the front surface through which bubble solution can flow out.

36. (Original) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the trigger mechanism has an electrical contact that removably couples the motor to actuate the motor, and a resilient member that normally biases the electrical contact away from the motor.

37. (Original) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the ink assembly includes:  
a link element connected to the trigger mechanism;  
a guide bar positioned on the link element, the guide bar having a guide surface;  
a pivot bar pivotably coupled to the housing, the pivot bar having a front end that is attached to the ring, and a guide leg that slidably engages the guide surface;  
a resilient member coupled to the pivot bar and normally biasing the pivot bar to pivot in a first direction; and

wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the guide leg to slide along the guide surface to overcome the bias of the resilient member so that the pivot bar pivots in a second direction.

38. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the ring experiences a curved movement as the ring moves [from the first position to the second position across the wiping bar] against the stationary element.

39. (Original) The assembly of claim 23, further including an air control system that has a cover element which is adjusted to cover selected portions of the air generator to vary the amount of air provided to the air generator.

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40. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the ring experiences a semi-circular movement as the ring moves [from the first position to the second position across the wiping bar] against the stationary element.

41. (Canceled).

42. (Original) A bubble generating assembly comprising:  
a housing having [[a front opening, with]] a wiping bar secured to a portion of the [[front opening]] housing;  
a trigger mechanism;  
a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the [[front opening]] wiping bar; and  
a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved in a curved manner from a first position to a second position across the wiping bar.